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SUBJ: STAFFDEL GILMORE-NORDLICHT

REF: BERN 290, STATE 10302, TELCON JAN 22 BETWEEN

AGATT BERN AND AGATT EMB BRUSSELS

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURE REQUIRED BY GOS IN THESE CASES, EMBOFFS CONSULTED FEDERAL POLITICAL DEPT (FOREIGN MINISTRY) ON JAN 22. HEGNER, CHIEF OF NORTP AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN DIVISION, SAID FPD WISHED COOPERATE, BUT AFTER CONSULTING FPD LEGAL ADVISOR, WAS OBLIGED TO SAY THAT PROPOSED MEETING BETWEEN STAFFDELS AND GRAIN FIRMS FELL WITHIN PURVIEW OF SWISS COMMERCIAL SECRECY LAW AND COULD NOT BE APPROVED.

2. HEGNER SAID, HOWEVER, THAT IF GRAIN FIRMS WERE WILLING, GOS HAD NO RPT NO OBJECTIONS IF MEETING TOOK PLACE OUTSIDE SWISS TERRITORY. HE SUGGESTED THAT SINCE FINAGRAIN AND TRADAX WERE IN GENEVA, MEETING COULD BE CONVENIENTLY ARRANGED IN SUBURBS BUT IN FRENCH TERRITORY. HE SUGGESTED ANNEMASE OR DIVONNE, BOTH WITHIN EASY AND CUSTOMARY COMMUTING RANGE OF GENEVA.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES HEGNER'S SUGGESTION IS BEST SOLUTION

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AND IS PROCEEDING TO CONTACT FINAGRAIN AND TRADAX.

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